Video 7: How do I use Detailed Tables?

This video demonstrates how to use Detailed Tables.

I am a transportation planner in Seattle, Washington. What is the number of people who take public transportation to work in the Seattle Metro Area?

To find the answer to that question, we are going to use Detailed Tables. Detailed Tables provide comprehensive estimates on all topics. There are more than 1,200 detailed tables.

In this demonstration, we will select 2006-2008 ACS 3-Year Estimates using American FactFinder. This is the best option since the 3-year estimates have a larger sample than the 1-year estimates.

1. Make certain the 2006–2008 ACS 3-year Estimates is selected.
2. Click Detailed Tables. The Select Geography page displays.
3. Select Metropolitan Statistical Area from the geographic type drop-down list.
4. Scroll down and select Seattle Metro Area.
5. Click Add.
6. Click Next. The Select Tables page displays.
7. Under the Choose a table selection method, click the by subject tab.
8. In the select a subject drop-down list, select Commuting.
9. Click Search.
10. Select the first table entitled Sex of Workers by Means of Transportation to Work.
11. Click Add.
12. Click Show Result. The Detailed Tables page displays.

    Using 2006–2008 ACS 3-Year Estimates, the number of people who take public transportation to work in the Seattle Metro Area is 131,884. The public transportation category (excluding taxicab) includes bus, streetcar, subway, railroad and ferryboat. You can also view this table in a collapsed version.

13. Click view the collapsed version of this table. The collapsed table displays showing the public transportation category without sub-categories.

This concludes this video demonstration. Additional videos in the ACS video series demonstrate other ACS data products in more detail. For more information, visit www.census.gov/acs.